



EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021



The objective of the education, scholarships, apprenticeships and youth entrepreneurship programmes is to invest in skills and knowledge. Through these programmes, we support institutional cooperation and student and staff mobility.

€64.0
million in
funding

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The programme will be implemented through:



Beneficiary States



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Open calls for proposals



Pre-defined projects

Why support education?

Many young people and adults risk exclusion from the workforce because they do not have the required skills. At the same time, many jobs remain unfilled due to the lack of qualified personnel. This has a negative impact on the growth of businesses and economies. The EU's Strategic Framework for Cooperation in Education and Training identifies the gap in skills and competence and the rapidly changing needs of a dynamic labour market as important European challenges. Students and young people who gain experience through studies or training abroad are more likely to find employment upon graduation than their peers who study at home.¹

What is supported?

Initiatives supported by the Grants include:

- Institutional cooperation at all levels of education
- Better quality and relevance of education and training
- Skills development for jobs
- Adult participation in lifelong learning
- Professional development of teachers
- Higher education student and staff exchange between Donor and Beneficiary States

Where we work

Education funding is available in eight Beneficiary States.

	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Czech Republic	6.5	-	6.5
Estonia	14	-	14
Latvia	0.5	5.5	6
Poland	20.0	-	20
Portugal	4.6	-	4.6
Romania	12.0	-	12
Slovakia	0.9	2.1	3
Slovenia	1.5	9.0	10.5

Amounts are in € million and for the period 2014-2021.

The figures are subject to change until all relevant programme agreements are signed in all countries. In addition, education projects will also be supported through the Local Development programme in Croatia.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/erasmus-plus-factsheet-2017-overview_en.pdf

Cooperation

Sharing knowledge and experiences is crucial to achieving quality education. Partnerships with entities from the Donor States are strongly encouraged. To support such bilateral cooperation, the main Donor Programme Partners in this area are: [The Icelandic Centre for Research \(Rannis\)](#), [the National Agency for International Education Affairs of Liechtenstein \(AIBA\)](#) and [the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills \(HK-DIR\)](#).

Country	Programme	Secondary education	Vocational education and training	Primary education	Adult education	Higher education	Donor Programme Partner
Czech Republic	Education	x	x	x		x	AIBA, HK-DIR
Estonia	Research and education					x	AIBA, HK-DIR, Research Council of Norway
Latvia	Research and education					x	AIBA, HK-DIR, Research Council of Norway
Poland	Education	x	x	x	x	x	AIBA, HK-DIR, Icelandic Center for Research
Portugal	Blue growth, innovation and SMEs					x	HK-DIR, Icelandic Center for Research, Innovation Norway, Research Council of Norway
Romania	Education	x	x	x			AIBA, HK-DIR
Slovakia	Business development, innovation and SMEs		x				AIBA, HK-DIR, Innovation Norway
Slovenia	Education					x	AIBA, HK-DIR



Key achievements from the 2009-2014 funding period

In the previous funding period, a total of **€39.5 million** was devoted to scholarships and cooperation in the field of education.

1500

joint products were developed, such as teaching material and mobile applications

2600

teachers and other staff participated in exchange and study visits

90%

of the projects were implemented in cooperation with partners from Iceland, Liechtenstein and/or Norway

Half of the completed projects aim to continue their cooperation after the funding period

About the EEA and Norway Grants

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway provide funding to:

- Reducing disparities in Europe
- Strengthening bilateral relations

Areas of support

- Innovation, research, education and competitiveness
- Social inclusion, youth employment and poverty reduction
- Environment, energy, climate change and low carbon economy
- Culture, civil society, good governance and fundamental rights and freedoms
- Justice and home affairs

* EEA Grants are jointly financed by Iceland (3%), Liechtenstein (1%) and Norway (96%) **Norway Grants are solely financed by Norway

